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# EDITORIAL NOTES

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## **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1912.**

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held in the State Library rooms in the Capitol building at Springfield, on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd and 24th, 1912. The annual election of officers of the Society was held and the program of literary exercises was carried out as printed in the program, a copy of which was sent each member of the Society. The papers and addresses were of unusual excellence and it is no disparagement to addresses delivered at previous annual meetings to say that this program has never been excelled at any other meeting of the Society.

The attendance of out of town members of the Society was excellent, but the attendance of Springfield people, except at the last session and the reception was not what it should have been. There were so many entertainments, lectures and conventions being held on the same days as the annual meeting that the small attendance was not surprising. The officers of the Society were re-elected.

Many matters of interest were presented to the Society at the business session, each of which, was suggested by the report of the secretary of the Society. This report is published in full in this number of the Journal, and members

and friends are asked to read it. The principal subject of discussion at the meeting was the proposed new building for the Library and Society for which an appropriation is to be asked of the next session of the general assembly. It was decided that a special meeting be held in December, 1912, at which time the commission to formulate plans and make recommendations for the new building will be ready to report. It is intended that the meeting be held on the 3d of December, the anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union, or as near that date as may be practicable. A special committee to plan and arrange for this meeting was appointed. Of this committee, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, of Chicago, is chairman, and the other members are President Charles H. Rammekamp of Illinois college, Jacksonville; Mr. Clinton L. Conkling, Springfield, and Jessie Palmer Weber, Springfield. Full details of the plans for this meeting will appear in the October number of the Journal.

The Society also appointed a special committee to represent the Society at the Centennial celebration of Madison County on September 14, 1912. Of this committee, Mr. Paul Selby is chairman.

Two other special committees were appointed, one to participate in the centennial celebration of Edwards County, and the other on the means of preserving the great Cahokia Mound. These special committees and the regular and standing committees of the Society are printed in this number of the Journal.

The annual address before the Society was given by Prof. William E. Dodd of the University of Chicago. The subject of the address is the West and the War with Mexico. The address is published in full in this number of the Journal.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Springfield, Ill., May 23, 1912.

To the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit to you the report of the secretary of the Illinois State Historical Society for the year ending May 22d, 1912.

The year has not been marked by unusual activities, but the work of the Society has been growing in every line.

The number of members of the Society has increased largely, though the relative increase is not as large as in some previous years. The reason for this is that in the enumeration of the members, I have not counted a number of members from whom we have not heard for some time. In several cases, the publications have been returned, and we can find no trace of them. We carry such names on our card catalogue, but we no longer send publications. In many such cases we may hear from the persons when they are again located. This we have never done before, and the elimination of these names accounts for the slight apparent increase in membership, for the gain has been quite as large as usual.

The Society now numbers twenty-five honorary members, nine life members, forty-nine Illinois Press Association members, twelve library or institution members, and 1288 active members, a total of 1383 members of all classes.

We have lost by the hand of death since my last report, several of our most valued members.

Necrological reports are given in the Journal.

I again ask the members to notify the secretary of deaths in our membership.

I have to report the death of Charles R. Coon, for many years an assistant in the Illinois State Historical Library

and the devoted friend of this Society, and its members. Mr. Coon died at his post of duty in the Library on Wednesday morning, April 17th, 1912. He was a good, true and loyal man, and the Society and the Library has lost a faithful and devoted member of its staff.

The matter of greatest interest about which I have to speak to the Society is the Commission which will report to the next General Assembly on the plan for a new building for the Illinois State Historical Society and Library, the State Department of Education, the State Museum of Natural History, and possibly other departments. The last Legislature, as you all know, appropriated \$5,000 for the expenses of a commission whose duty it is to prepare plans for a new building, and make recommendations as to a site and possibly secure an option on a piece of land for that purpose, to consult with the State Architect as to plans for the building, after conferring with persons in charge of the departments interested.

The commission consists of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, President of the State Historical Society, President of the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Library and Department Commander of the State G. A. R. This commission has held meetings, organized by making Governor Deneen chairman, and Professor Greene secretary.

A sub-committee was appointed, of which Prof. F. G. Blair is chairman, and Governor Deneen and Professor Greene are members. After Professor Greene left on his vacation, Dr. Charles H. Rammelkamp, who is president of the Library Board in Dean Greene's absence, was appointed to take his place on the commission.

This commission invited an expert archivist, Mr. W. G. Leland, secretary of the American Historical Association, to visit Springfield and estimate the space which may be necessary if the new building should contain a hall of public archives and make recommendations in regard to their arrangement and care. This Mr. Leland accordingly did,

and it is hoped that he will present a letter to the Historical Society at this meeting, giving some account of his ideas and plans. The commission is only started upon its task. It has much hard work to do during the coming summer. I hope the Historical Society will discuss the best methods of securing the proposed new building, and also what is the best method of effectively aiding the commission.

This will be our most urgent work for the next year. I hope that every member of the Society will take a personal interest and interest his representatives in the legislature in the project. Let us begin a campaign of education, not only of our representatives, but of the whole people of the State. Many members of the legislature are members of the Historical Society. And these members will take the greatest interest in being able to speak understandingly of the needs, uses and purposes of the Society as regards the new building. It is but six years until, in 1918, the State of Illinois will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of her admission into the Union. There will be three regular sessions of the general assembly before that time.

If we are fortunate enough to secure an appropriation from the next session for the site and the first work on the building, it will, with the best luck and most arduous labor, require an appropriation from the next following session for the completion of the building, and the session following that, will have the duty of making appropriations for the great centenary celebration. How proud we will be if we have a beautiful and commodious home for the Historical Society and Library which we can have all arranged and furnished and fitted up to dedicate at that time.

Perhaps it is a vision, a dream, but it rests with us to make the dream come true. Other states have accomplished this and Illinois can do whatever other states can do, and do it equally well—may I not say better than other states can do. I recommend that the Society at this meeting take some formal action in the matter.

The last session of the General Assembly appropriated \$5,000 for an historical monument at Edwardsville in memory of Governor Ninian Edwards, and to commemorate Fort Russell and the heroes of the frontier Indian warfare. This year is also the one hundredth anniversary of the first territorial legislature in Illinois. A great celebration will be held at Edwardsville, September 14th, at which time the monument will be dedicated. This Society is invited and urged to attend and take part in this celebration.

The commission created by law to attend to the building of the monument is made up of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, President and Secretary of the Historical Society and the Secretary of the State Board of Administration. This commission met and organized by electing Governor Deneen, chairman, and the Secretary of the Historical Society, the secretary of the commission.

The commission advertised for bids for the erection of the monument, according to plans drawn by the state architect. The bid of C. J. Mulligan, the sculptor, was accepted and a beautiful and artistic monument will be erected and will be dedicated at Edwardsville, on September 16th.

Each succeeding year the people of the State seem to take more interest in these memorials of historic events, and I think this society deserves much of the credit for this awakening.

As has been reported in the Journal, the last General Assembly appropriated \$150,000 for the purchase of Starved Rock and adjacent land, and the park is now the property of the State. Prof. J. A. James and his associates of the Illinois Park Commission deserve a large measure of credit for this great achievement.

The same session of the legislature made an appropriation for the purpose of sending some competent person to investigate the historical records of the several counties and other depositories in the State. Mr. C. D. Johns was ap-



pointed by the library board for this important service, and he is doing good work.

We have not yet succeeded in saving the great Cahokia Mound, and this is a great and important piece of work which demands our attention.

The Board of Editors of the Journal are much pleased with the kind words which they hear in regard to the improvements in the magazine. A larger edition was printed of the April Journal, as it has been impossible to supply the demand for it. It is a very expensive publication, but the last number was printed under state contract printing and this was a necessary thing, as our appropriation was exhausted. It would be impossible to get the Journal out on time if this method was used each time, but whenever we can, we will do this. We receive many letters and press notices, commending the Journal and other publications are constantly copying articles from it, giving us credit for such articles.

I am sorry to have to report such delays in the publication of the annual transactions of the Society. We have been very slow in getting our material in the hands of the printer, and then there have been the inevitable delays. Our 1910 transactions will reach you shortly, as the book is finished, and I had hoped to have some copies ready for you at this meeting, but the binder has been unable to finish them. There seems to be good reason for the belief that future work will not be so long delayed.

We must not forget that we are but one small part of the State's great machinery, and that hundreds of other reports have to be printed, and all are as anxious as we are to get their books printed.

The George Rogers Clark papers edited by Prof. J. A. James will be the next of the Illinois State Historical Collections to be issued by the Library Board. There have been many vexatious delays, but the "Papers" are worth waiting for, and will be most valuable when completed, and will be the most popular of the collections with the

exception of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates volume. The reference work of the Society and Library continues to increase.

Interest in local history is growing in every locality, and new societies are being formed. Bureau County has organized a society with headquarters at Princeton. I hope that we may hear reports from some of the local societies.

The Illinois Colored Historical Society of Springfield, Illinois, has asked me to report for them that they are continuing in activity and interest.

We enjoyed our visit to Evanston and Chicago last year where we were so hospitably entertained by the Evanston Historical Society, and the Chicago Historical Society, and by Dr. O. L. Schmidt, Mayor and Mrs. Joseph E. Paden and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dawes, Mr. H. J. Patten, Prof. J. A. James, and many others, but we are glad to know that Springfield friends missed the annual meeting, although the Civil War Memorial Meeting held here April 14th, 1911, in some measure took its place.

I desire to again make a plea for contributions to the quarterly Journal, and for information in regard to old letters, or other manuscript material. Do not wait for a special personal invitation. If you have material of historic value, help the Library and Society by letting the Secretary know about it.

I am very sorry that this meeting conflicts in date with the semi-annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, which is being held at this time in Bloomington, Indiana. The program committee of this Society did not know the date of that meeting until the program for this meeting was all arranged, the speakers had been consulted as to their convenience and the April Journal announcing the program had been printed, and the change of our date was not possible, and I suppose the same conditions were true with the Mississippi Valley Association. I regret that this keeps from us this year some of our special workers. I regret also that the meeting

occurs at the same time as the State encampment of the G. A. R. at Peoria. This takes from us several of our most valued and interested members.

One of our earliest and devoted members, Mrs. Katherine Goss Wheeler, who has been a member of the Society from its beginning, and who is interested in any thing that concerns the Society and its work, met with an accident many months ago. She slipped and fell over a heavy floor polisher in her home. She was not conscious at the time that she was severely injured, but a serious injury to her hip developed and she has been nearly all the time since the accident confined to her bed, or her chair.

I suggest that this Society send a message of condolence to Mrs. Wheeler.

We hope for and believe that we will, in due time, have the new building, but it must, of necessity, be some time before it is available for use, even under the most favorable conditions, and until that time, we will be in very crowded and badly lighted quarters, but we bear these inconveniences cheerfully in the hope of better things.

Very respectfully,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,  
Secretary Illinois State Historical Society

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.  
Meeting May 23-25, 1912**

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The Mississippi Valley Historical Association held a very successful meeting this year, May 23 to 25, at Bloomington, Indiana, under the auspices of Indiana University. The

attendance was good, the programme was carefully planned, the papers were interesting and significant, and the social events were very pleasant. This was the fifth annual meeting, and it is generally conceded that the association has now passed the experimental stage and become an effective and permanent force in the field of western history.

The first evening session was devoted to the president's address by Professor A. C. McLaughlin, of Chicago University, on the timely subject, "The Supreme Court and Unconstitutional Legislation — Historical Origins." Hon. Daniel N. Howe, President of the Indiana Historical Society, presided at the meeting, and the association was welcomed by President William L. Bryan of Indiana University. Ten papers relating to various aspects and periods of Mississippi Valley history from the time of De Soto to the Civil War were read at the two regular afternoon sessions and the Friday evening session which preceded the business meeting. One of these, by Mr. Charles M. Thompson of the University of Illinois, on the "Attitude of the Western Whigs toward the Convention System," was of especial interest to students of Illinois history, inasmuch as it was concerned largely with a controversy within the Whig party in Illinois in which Lincoln took a prominent part.

The morning sessions were given up to joint meetings of the history teacher's section of the association (formerly the Northwestern History Teacher's Association) and the history section of the Indiana State Teacher's Association, the programmes consisting of papers, reports, and discussions on various pedagogical topics.

The social events comprised a reception on Thursday evening, a luncheon Friday noon, a reception for women and a smoker for men Friday evening, all tendered by Indiana University, and an automobile ride about the city and in the surrounding country on Friday afternoon, furnished by the Commercial Club of Bloomington.

The business meeting on Friday evening was opened with the report of the secretary, Clarence S. Paine, of Lincoln, Nebraska, followed by reports of committees and the election of officers. The new officers are: Reuben G. Thwaites, president; James A. James, first vice-president; I. J. Cox, second vice-president; C. S. Paine, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Idress Head and Clarence E. Carter, new members of the executive committee. The association will hold a joint meeting at Boston next December with the American Historical Association, and the next annual meeting will probably be held at Omaha, Nebraska, in May, 1913.

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PORTRAIT AND NAME OF JONATHAN BALDWIN TURNER  
PLACED IN FARMERS' HALL OF FAME OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ILLINOIS, COMMENCEMENT DAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE  
12TH, 1912.

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The commission of the Illinois farmers' hall of fame has placed the name and portrait of the late Jonathan B. Turner in the hall of fame at the University of Illinois. The installation was made a leading feature of the commencement exercises of the University of Illinois held on Wednesday, June 12th. This was the fiftieth anniversary of the passage of the act of congress donating to the different states, large grants of land as endowments for the establishment and maintenance of agricultural colleges.

The University of Illinois very properly decided to take official notice of this semi-centennial anniversary of the passing of the land grant act and to co-operate with the commission of the Illinois farmers' hall of fame in fittingly commemorating an event second to none in far-reaching results in the way of advancing agricultural and industrial education throughout the United States.

The president of the university, Edmund J. James, delivered the commencement address upon the life and work of Jonathan B. Turner, the man to whom more than to any

other one man, we owe the plan finally incorporated in the land grant act of 1862, and the inauguration and prosecution of the agitation which finally led to its passage.

Mr. Lincoln gave the measure, while pending in congress, his most cordial and hearty support and frequently referred with much satisfaction to the honor attending the affixing of his signature to the act providing for the establishment and support of the colleges of agriculture to be found in every state in the union.

As an evidence of the exceptionally high appreciation in which Jonathan B. Turner is held by the agricultural interests of the state, the commission on the Illinois farmers' hall of fame have presented his name to the university as its choice for the next Illinoisian whose portrait is placed in the Illinois farmers' hall of fame at the University. The portrait used is the gift of Mrs. Mary Turner Carriel, the daughter of Professor Turner. The presentation speech was made by Hon. A. P. Grout, president of the commission of the Illinois farmers' hall of fame. The portrait was unveiled by the grand-daughter of Professor Turner, Mrs. Leslie McPherson of Highland Park, Ill. Mrs. Carriel, upon the invitation of President James, spoke a few words to the great assembly of people, thanking them, and the president and trustees of the University and of the Hall of Fame, for the honor paid the memory of her father.

The commission of the Illinois farmers' hall of fame consists of A. P. Grout, Winchester, President; Eugene Davenport, Urbana, and E. W. Burroughs, Edwardsville, Vice-Presidents; Charles F. Mills, Springfield, Secretary, and George A. Anthony, Kewanee, Treasurer.

The names of the following famous Illinoisans, besides Professor Turner, have been installed in the Illinois farmers' hall of fame, viz: Cyrus Hall McCormick, the inventor of the reaping machine, and James N. Brown, the promoter and first president of the Illinois state board of agriculture, and a leading importer, breeder and exhibitor of live stock.

The following candidates have been approved and one of the same will be installed each year, viz: Isaac Funk, one of the most successful of the pioneer farmers of Illinois, and Philip D. Armour, who did more than any other man to develop the great meat packing industry at Chicago and throughout the United States.

A large number of additional candidates have been presented to the commission, and one will be approved and one will be installed each succeeding year.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN BALDWIN TURNER.

There are now living (1912) but two children of Professor Turner. These are: John Baldwin Turner of Butler, Ill., the second son, and Mrs. Mary Turner Carriel of Jacksonville, Illinois, the only daughter.

There are however, a large number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The children of Rudolphus Turner, the oldest son of Professor Turner, are George Kibbe Turner, writer, one of the editors of McClure's Magazine.

Homer Kibbe Turner, artist and lecturer.

Sally Turner, Quincy, Ill., musician.

Children of John Baldwin Turner: One son, Rudolphus Kibbe Turner, a student at the University of Illinois.

William H. Turner, the third son of Professor Turner. Eleven children.

Children of Charles A. Turner, fourth son of Professor Turner:

John McClure Turner, Macon, Ill.

Children of Mary Turner Carriel, only daughter of Professor Turner:

Dr. Howard Turner Carriel, Marquette, Mich.

Fred C. Carriel, Civil Engineer and Farmer, Manitoba, Canada.

Rev. Charles Arthur Carriel, Missionary to Brazil, McKenzie College, Sao Paolo.

Mrs. Wm. D. Roberts, Jacksonville, Ill.

Children of Howard A. Turner, fifth son of Professor Turner:

Mary Louise Turner, Minneapolis, Minn., now a student at Vassar college.

Children of Frederick C. Turner, sixth son of Professor Turner:

Elizabeth Turner McPherson, wife of Leslie McPherson of Highland Park, Ill.

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### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KNOX COLLEGE.

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#### EVENT CELEBRATED WITH ADDRESSES AND AN HISTORICAL PAGEANT.

On Thursday, June 13, Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary with an elaborate program.

To Knox college belongs the unique distinction of being the college that founded a city. The college and the city had their inception in plans made by a group of idealistic New Yorkers of New England parentage, led by the Rev. George W. Gale, to found a college on the fertile prairies of the central west, in order to train the leadership needed for the great population destined to fill that region.

#### FOUNDATION PLAN.

The plan was to raise the money by subscription to buy a township of land in Illinois; buying it from the government at \$1.25 per acre. Then the subscribers were to buy the land back from the college at \$5 per acre, and endow the college with the surplus over the original cost.

Knox college and the city of Galesburg were the result of this plan.

The seventy-fifth anniversary was featured throughout commencement week, which began on Friday, June 7.

On the evening of commencement day, Thursday, June 13, an historical pageant of the college and Galesburg was held on the campus south of the main college building.

## PAGEANT OF SIX EPOCHS.

The pageant was divided into six epochs, each one covering some particular feature in the historical past of Knox and Galesburg. The first episode dealt with the country in the prairie days when the Indians roamed over the spot now occupied by the city. The aborigines were illustrated by a band of red men in sports and games characteristic of the race. A tableau showing the signing of the plan for the Galesburg colony, before they set out from Whitesborough, N. Y., was the principal feature of this scene.

In the second episode the arrival of the colonists at Log City in 1837 was shown.

Underground railways and the work of Galesburg in this system were the theme of a third episode. Following this, were recounted the scenes of the Lincoln-Douglas debate on the campus of Knox in 1858.

The fifth epoch dealt with Galesburg in the war time period from 1861 to 1864, and the last gave an epoch in the history of the college, picturing in great detail, the undergraduate life of the present day.

Many notable men were present at the anniversary, and at the alumni dinner which was held immediately after the historical pageant on the evening of June 13.

On the day preceding, exercises in commemoration of the anniversary were held, and the principal address was delivered by President John H. Finley of the College of the City of New York, formerly the president of Knox college and a graduate of that institution.

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CORNELIUS J. DOYLE APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE

On June 1, 1912, Governor Deneen appointed Mr. C. J. Doyle, the State Fire Marshal, to the position of Secretary of State to fill the unexpired term of office of the late James A. Rose.

Mr. Doyle was also named by the Republican State Central Committee to fill the vacancy on the State ticket



caused by the death of Mr. Rose, for the office of Secretary of State to be voted upon at the general election in November next.

Mr. Doyle is an able man who is interested in the advancement of all affairs of the State. He has had a great deal of experience in public affairs and has an earnest desire to serve the people faithfully.

He will of course take Mr. Rose's place upon the commission for the new historical and educational building.

Mr. Doyle had just removed from Greenfield to Springfield.

### GIFTS OF BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY.

#### LIFE OF GOVERNOR EDWARD COLES.

Miss Mary Coles of Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of Edward Coles, the second governor of Illinois has presented to the Illinois State Historical Society, a number of copies of the life of Governor Coles, written by Hon. E. B. Washburne. These books are the remainder of the edition of the book which was printed in 1882.

Miss Coles was on the point of going to Europe and she felt that she would like to make this gift to her friends in Illinois before starting on this extended journey. The Society is grateful to Miss Coles for this gift, which it much appreciates.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES.

Mrs. Jeffreys, an ardent genealogical student, has presented to the Society thirty-six volumes of the Pennsylvania Archives. This makes an important addition to our genealogical collection.

#### ORGAN PLACED IN THE WESTERN ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MACOMB AS A MEMORIAL TO ALFRED BAYLISS.

On June 2, 1912, a fine pipe organ was dedicated in the auditorium of the Western Illinois State Normal School at

Macomb as a memorial to the late Alfred Bayliss, president of the school. An organ recital was given on the occasion of the presentation of the organ and a portrait of Mr. Bayliss was also presented to the school. The presentation of the portrait was made by Commander Eads of the Macomb G. A. R.

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MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE CARRIER BOY  
OF THE BELLEVILLE ADVOCATE OF 1851.

In the April Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society was published the Carrier's New Year's address, issued by the Belleville Advocate, January 2, 1851, and copied from the file of the Advocate now in the Illinois State Historical Library. We have since learned that Hon. Edward L. Merritt of Springfield, Illinois, a member of the Historical Society, was the carrier boy who delivered the New Year's greeting to the patrons of the Advocate, and the address itself was from the gifted pen of John W. Merritt, the father of Mr. E. L. Merritt.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The members of the Illinois State Historical Society and interested friends, will confer a favor on the Board of Editors of the Journal by sending to the Secretary of the Society information as to the death of any persons who belong to the Society. The Secretary often fails to receive this information, and thus no notice is given in the Journal.

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EDWARD J. MCCLERNAND, BRIGADIER-GENERAL. ILLINOIS  
MAN IN LIST OF APPOINTMENTS IN UNITED STATES  
ARMY BY PRESIDENT TAFT.

In the list of vacancies filled in the United States army by appointment of President Taft, appears the name of Edward John McClernand to be brigadier-general.

The newly appointed brigadier-general is a son of the late General John A. McClernand of this city, and was born

at Jacksonville, Illinois, December 29, 1848, and has had a long and interesting career in the army.

He was appointed second lieutenant, Second cavalry, June 15, 1870; first lieutenant, May 9, 1879; captain, March 24, 1890; lieutenant-colonel assistant general volunteers, May 9, 1898, and August 16, 1899; colonel, Forty-fourth infantry volunteers, August 17, 1899, and honorably mustered out of the volunteer service June 30, 1901; major Twelfth United States cavalry February 2, 1902; lieutenant-colonel First cavalry, March 18, 1905; colonel, November 20, 1908; breveted first lieutenant February 27, 1890, for gallantry in pursuit of Indians and in actions against them at Bear Paw Mountain, Mont., September 30, 1877.

General E. J. McClermand was awarded a congressional medal of honor November 27, 1904, "for most distinguished gallantry in action against Nez Perces Indians," served in Montana against Sioux, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Bannock, and Nez Perces Indians to July, 1879; participated in battles and engagements at Pryor's creek August 14, 1872; rescue of remnant of Custer's command, June 26, 1876; capture of Chief Joseph, and other notable engagements, not only in this country, but in Cuba, and for some-time attached to the staff of the Japanese army in Japan and Manchuria in 1905.

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"THE LINCOLN WAY."

Mr. Chas. M. Thompson, who is making a preliminary investigation of the route taken by the Lincoln family in removing from Indiana to Illinois in 1830, reports fair progress. This investigation has been undertaken at the request of the trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, and is exciting considerable interest throughout the state.

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HENRY EDDY COLLECTION.

What perhaps is the most important manuscript collection extant, dealing with Illinois history, has been se-

cured for the University of Illinois by Chas. M. Thompson of that institution. This collection, which consists of some five thousand separate letters and papers dealing with almost every conceivable phase of political, social and economic life between the years 1820 and 1845, will be known henceforth as the "Henry Eddy Collection." Honor is due not only to Mr. Eddy because of his painstaking care in preserving and annotating his correspondence and business papers, but also to his descendants, especially to Mr. Charles Carroll, Jr., of Shawneetown, Illinois, who has preserved this treasure, and who now makes it accessible to students of Illinois history.

The political correspondence, consisting of almost a thousand letters, is being copied and collected by the University, and students interested in Illinois history are cordially invited to consult and make use of it.

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#### AN ERROR IN APRIL JOURNAL.

In the April Journal, the portrait facing page 67 was, by an error, labeled "William Orr," and placed to accompany the copies of William Orr's letters on the Indian War.

The picture is of Alfred Tennyson Dickens, and should have been so marked and placed facing page 43, in Mrs. Charles P. Johnson's account of the visit of Mr. Dickens to St. Louis and Belleville.